instructed to examine all Pudavat Fund cases and to take steps for their recovery and for the safe investment of such as may be recovered. (See Subject No. 5 *supra*.)

Subject No. 113.
Hak of Joint Patels.

Summary of discussion.—Rules regarding the "Hak" of joint Patels of a village have not as yet been passed. Early orders are necessary so that the "Hak" of the joint Patels of the village in which there are more than one Patel may not be disregarded.

Dewan's reply.—The cases in question will be provided for in the rules proposed for enabling Hakdars to officiate under a system of rotation. (See Subject No. 99 *supra*).

Subject No. 114.
Commission to land owners on value of Sandalwood growing on their lands.

Summary of discussion.—In order to encourage growth of sandal trees in occupied lands, the holders thereof may be allowed a small fixed portion of the amount of net profit out of the sale proceeds of such trees, in which case sandal trees will be planted and reared up with interest by the holders.

Dewan's reply.—This cannot be done. It will involve an uncalled for sacrifice of Government revenue. The sandal resources of Government are very extensive and do not require to be supplemented by a scheme such as that recommended. Moreover sandalwood is capable of growing quite spontaneously. It requires only to be left alone.

Subject No. 115.
Prohibition of cow slaughter.

Summary of discussion.—It was ordered that the subject of cow slaughter would receive consideration. Early orders are prayed for.

Dewan's reply.—No such order was promised. Some members of this Assembly, who stated that there was an old Hukumnama of Hyder or Tippu prohibiting the slaughter of cows, were asked to produce it. But they have failed. The practice has been in existence so long that it is now not possible to prohibit it, unless such prohibition is demanded by all classes of the people unanimously. It is probable that the prohibition ceased to exist in the latter half of the past century during the Muhammadan Administration of the State, as otherwise it would certainly have been continued after the fall of Seringapatam as for instance in the British Province of Coorg.

Subject No. 116.
Repairs of certain Temples in Hassan.

Summary of discussion.—The temples of Virupaksheswara and Hallada-Rameswara in Hassan are in dilapidated condition. The question of executing repairs to these buildings was raised in the last year's meeting, when it was ordered that due consideration would be given. Orders are solicited for their early repairs, as they are deteriorating.

Dewan's reply.—If the temples are of general, *i. e.*, of more than local, importance, a small grant can be given from the general Muzarayi surplus funds. The Deputy Commissioner will be asked to report on this matter.